

**BRAZIL CITY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
DECEMBER 9, 2009**

- President Ruthann Jeffries called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- The November minutes were read and approved.
- Treasurer's Report—Linda Messmer
Non-reverting Fund

Beginning balance November 1, 2009.....	\$12,883.13
Revenue.....	\$1.64
Disbursements.....	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance November 30, 2009.....	\$12,884.77

Park & Recreation Fund

Beginning balance November 1, 2009.....	(\$50,605.11)
Revenue.....	\$723.00
Disbursements.....	<u>(\$15,522.66)</u>
Ending balance November 30, 2009.....	(\$65,404.77)


The expenditure and encumbrance lists were reviewed. Again the Verizon phone bill is incorrect. Also, there was no evidence of the Clover Sign invoice being paid. This should be out of the non-reverting fund. Several items from both lists involved getting maintenance supplies for the coming year. Linda Messmer motioned to have Superintendent Houck get new front tires for the Kubota tractor at a cost of \$350. Seconded by Todd Brackman. Carried.

- Superintendent's Report—Bill Houck
 - The area around the King St. garage is cleared and cleaned.
 - Clean up of left over leaves was done along Pinckley St., King St., and Wheeler Park.
 - During cleaning of the tennis courts, it was noticed that the surface is more loose and pitted.
 - Squirrel feed needs to be obtained for Forest Park.
 - The front tires of the Kubota tractor needs replaced.
 - The electrical lines to the shelters are too small, damaged and need 220 volt lines which are more economical to use. These lines need to be trenched (which Bill can do) and a licensed electrician can hook them up. This needs to be done especially to Shelter 8.
- Connie McClure of the Bench Project committee presented donation and fact sheets about the project that will be publicly displayed over the city and county. She also presented prints of her painting to each board member. This painting will serve as a logo for the project. At present the painting and a bench is on display in the Riddell National Bank lobby as well as the Santa House at Forest Park. George Kumpf thanked the *Brazil Times* and the Internet for the publicity, which as led to numerous contacts. He hopes that

24 to 30 benches will sell by the end of the year. The Bench Committee needs to sell 100 benches by February 2010 to get the price break. After discussion, Caroline McCullough motioned to buy a bench from the Non-reverting fund with the inscription, "FRIENDS OF FOREST PARK." Seconded by Linda Messmer. Carried.

- Mrs. Jeffries confirmed that all board members, Superintendent Houck, and Kimberly Gleason received the 2010 meeting dates.
- Linda Messmer explained her ideas of celebrating the 2016 Olympics in Brazil, Indiana to coincide with the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. She emphasized this is a "whole town" project and really needed to know if there was community interest. Several ideas were discussed including what persons and organizations might spearhead this project. The board gave their support to proceed in determining interest, potential committee members, etc. Mrs. Messmer will meet with Mayor Bradshaw and perhaps the City Council.
- Board Members have turned in their sections of the new 5-Year Master Plan to Wilmadean Baker. Part of the plan involves input from the public—surveys, newsprint. Mrs. Jeffries talked to Ms. Gleason of the *Times* about writing a story explaining the need for patrons to send in comments about what is needed in the city parks.
- Todd Brackman motioned to allow \$200 for Superintendent Houck to buy squirrel feed for \$200. Seconded by Caroline McCullough. Carried.
- Lists of 2009 achievements (19) and the 2010 goals (10) were handed to the board.
- After discussion of electrical issues, Bill Houck will write letters to the Popcorn Festival, Rotary, and Christmas in the Park asking for cash to upgrade the electrical system in place of designating contributions for specific items. He will send a draft to board members for perusal and editing.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Caroline McCullough, Secretary